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1. Each industrial enterprise is controlled by a manager, a party secretary, and the secretary of the work council. Officially, each shift works eight hours, starting at 7 a.m. Actually, no worker can leave the factory after he has worked his eight hours, as he has to attend the following activities each week:
 - a. Half an hour's reading of the newspaper "Szabad Nép" (Free People);
 - b. Production Conference (one to two hours);
 - c. "Free Party Day" (sic., one to two hours);
 - d. Party Day for Party Members (sic., one to two hours);
 - e. Political Seminary (one and one-half to two hours, twice a week.)
2. The Nozarowa Movement requires that every worker keep his machine in good condition, to clean it and to repair it, if necessary. However, as the second shift begins work immediately after the previous shift has finished, cleaning and repair work can only be done in the morning hours before work begins. Every worker has an employment book in which his output and his conduct are recorded. Workers can only change or leave their working place if the change is approved by the Works Council. Workers who leave without permission are brought back forcibly or sent to a labor camp. Workers who are late by even one minute are fined. For a third offense, they are punished by the cancelling of leave.
3. Weekly wages of workers employed by the heavy industry are as follows:
 - a. Lathe or milling machine operators - 200 forint.
 - b. Horizontal lathe operators - 300 forint.

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- c. Laborers - 150 forint.
4. Prices of foodstuffs in December 1951 were:
- a. Brown bread, per kg. - 260 forint
 - b. Fat (rationed), per kg. - 30 to 35 forint.
 - c. Fat rations being insufficient, their price on the black market, per kg. - 90 forint.
 - d. Man's Suit (ready made) - 800 to 1,000 forint.
 - e. Shoes (worker's) - 250 forint.
5. The expropriation of private houses and apartments was enforced on 17 February 1952 and the time set for appeal was 6 to 8 March. All persons whose houses have been expropriated will have to pay rent from 1 January 1953. The rent is to be fixed by local commissions. The following persons were exempted from expropriation:
- a. Wage earners who lived in their own houses.
 - b. State officials or persons in receipt of state pensions.
 - c. Peasants (those who had received five or six acres and belonged to a kolkhoz. Peasants possessing more than 12 acres were regarded as kulaks and had their houses expropriated.)
6. The Beta Chemical Works are situated on the shore of the Zagyva River, on a side road leading off the Jászberény-Nagykátai road, some three km west of Jászberény. The buildings are erected on an area consisting of about ten hectares and are linked with the Jászberény station by a railroad siding. The factory began work in 1951 and employs more than 5,000 workers.
7. [redacted] the Ganz Factory in Budapest, on a so-called "exchange of experience" visit. On the day of his visit a very luxurious Jendrashik train was to be delivered to the Russians. The Jendrashik trains have diesel engines and modern equipment. As the result of sabotage, the whole train, both engine and cars, was severely damaged. The blue morocco leather upholstery was hanging in tatters and the mahogany panelling was completely ruined.
8. A power station is under construction on the shore of the river Tisza at Tiszalök.* The prisoners employed on this project live in an underground concentration camp, some two km. from Tiszalök. They are guarded by AVH men, who arrest everyone approaching the camp, which covers about 100 hectares. Groups of 15 prisoners are guarded by one AVH man, who is armed with an automatic rifle and who is accompanied by a bloodhound. There are 1,200 prisoners in the camp (most of them are opponents of the regime who tried to escape from Hungary), including 8 miners who have been found guilty of sabotage.
9. The Budapest Arms and Machinery Factory (Budapesti Fegyver és Gépgyár), located in Budapest, Soroksári Ut, manufactures automatic small arms patterned after Soviet models.
- * [redacted] Comment: The technical side of the power project at Tiszalök was recently treated [redacted]

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